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FROM INS DIDIR FELDMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: BANGKOK POST ARTICLE ON REFUGEE "MARRIAGES"

REF: BANGKOK 11880 (NOTAL)

1. WITH REGARD TO BACKGROUND EXPLANATION PARA 2 REFTTEL,
INS OIC D.A. YOUNG ADVISED DIDIR TODAY THAT NEITHER HE
NOR ANY INS OFFICER REQUESTED THAT CUSTOMARY MARRIAGES
PERFORMED IN THAI CAMPS BE SOLEMINIZED, ON EMBASSY GROUNDS,
BY A WESTERN CLERGYMAN. YOUNG FURTHER ADVISES ABOVE
"PROCEDURE" ESTABLISHED BY STATE REFOPS OFFICE AFTER
LOCAL THAI OFFICIALS IN VICINITY OF CAMPS REFUSED TO PERMIT
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES FOR LAO (INCLUDING HMONG)
REFUGEES.

2. WHILE RTG MAY NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED MARRIAGES ON EMBASSY
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GROUNDS, A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY, WITNESSED BY EMBASSY OFFICIAL,
PREFERABLE TO ACT OF "JUMPING OVER CAMPFIRE"
IN ACCORDANCE WITH HMONG CUSTOMARY RIGHTS.

3. SWORN STATEMENT BEFORE CONSULAR OFFICER ALLEGING
CUSTOMARY CAMP MARRIAGE WOULD NOT IN OPINION OF DIDIR
VALIDATE A MARRIAGE NOT RECOGNIZED UNDER THE LAWS WHERE

PERFORMED. ACCORDINGLY, PROPOSED PROCEDURE REFERRED TO IN
PARA 3 REFTEL NOT ACCEPTABLE. IF ESTABLISHED "PROCEDURE"
NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE, DIDIR SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY
CONTACT MOI REQUESTING THAT RTG PERMIT
REFUGEES "APPROVED" UNDER U.S. PAROLE PROGRAMS TO
REGISTER MARRIAGES WITH LOCAL REGISTRAR PRIOR TO
DEPARTING THAILAND. BETIL CORAP - PLEASE OBTAIN COPY
OF REFTEL.
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